T.V. Relay Station, at Rameshwaram

421. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a T.V. relay station at Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Establishment of a high power (10 KW) TV transmitter at Rameswaram is included in the VII Plan of Doordarshan. The transmitter is expected to have a service range of about 140 kms.

Explosion in Bhilai Steel Plant

422. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two workers were killed in an explosion in a furnace in the Bhilai Steel Plant melting shop on 3rd April, 1986; and

(b) whether any inquiry into the causes of the accident has been conducted, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes Sir. Compensation payable to the successor of the deceased under the Workmen's Compensation Act has been deposited with the Compensation Commissioner. Other dues have been disbursed to the successors by the plant management.

(b) The management of Bhilai Steel Plant has constituted a High Level Enquiry Committee to enquire into the accident. Government of Madhya Pradesh has also constituted an Enquiry Committee.

Formulation of a Water Management Plan with World Bank assistance

423. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently formulated a water management plan with the assistance of World Bank; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). The Ministry of Water Resources, in association with the World Bank has formulated a project called "The National Water Management Project". The main objective of this project is to improve the performance of some of the exitsing irrigation systems by improving the physical infrastructure and by suitable modifications in the operation of the canals to ensure timely and equitable supply of water over the entire command.

Closing down of publication of Journals

424. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of journals published by his Ministry have recently been closed or proposed to be closed; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) Only four journals, namely Akashi (Assamese) Betar Jagat (Bengali), Nabhovani (Gujrati) and Vani (Telugu) were closed down as these journals have been incurring losses over the years